



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS REGULATIONS BOARD

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[Docket No. HM-94, Amdt. 172-15]

**PART 172—COMMODITY LIST OF
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CON-
TAINING THE SHIPPING NAME OR
DESCRIPTION OF ALL ARTICLES
SUBJECT TO PARTS 170-189 OF
THIS CHAPTER**

**Authorized Shipping Names for
Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

The purpose of this amendment to the Hazardous Materials Regulations of the Department of Transportation is to authorize the use of "Butane," "Isobutane," "Isobutylene," and "Propane" as proper shipping names for these materials now described as "Liquefied petroleum gas" in § 172.5.

On November 19, 1971, the Hazardous Materials Regulations Board published Docket No. HM-94; Notice No. 71-29 (36 F.R. 22073) which proposed this amendment. The amendment was identified in the miscellaneous notice of proposed rule making as Proposal A. Interested persons were invited to give their views and several comments were received by the Board.

Many of the commenters correctly noted that the proposal, as stated, did not provide the optional use of butane, isobutane, isobutylene, and propane. Use

of these names as descriptions on shipping papers and as markings on outside packagings was intended to be optional to the liquefied petroleum gas description now required. Thus, these comments were helpful in clarifying the regulations and accordingly, appropriate changes have been made to provide for the use of these names as alternatives to the description now required.

Other commenters requested that the use of "propylene" be authorized as a proper shipping name. Various tariff publications show "propylene" in italics in their list of hazardous materials. However, the Code of Federal Regulations has had propylene in roman type for many years and, therefore, it is presently authorized as a proper shipping name.

Two commenters asked what shipping name would be required for shipments of mixtures or other grades of liquefied petroleum gas. Unless the mixture or grade of liquefied petroleum gas is shown in roman type in § 172.5, the liquefied petroleum gas description and marking must be used.

In consideration of the foregoing, 49 CFR Part 172 is amended as follows:

In § 172.5 paragraph (a), the List of Hazardous Materials is amended to read as follows:

§ 172.5 List of hazardous materials.

(a) * * *

Article	Classed as—	Exemptions and packing (see sec.)	Label required if not exempt	Maximum quantity in 1 outside container by rail express
Butane or Liquefied petroleum gas. See Liquefied petroleum gas.	***	***	***	***
Isobutane or Liquefied petroleum gas. See Liquefied petroleum gas.	***	***	***	***
Isobutylene or Liquefied petroleum gas. See Liquefied petroleum gas.	***	***	***	***
Propane or Liquefied petroleum gas. See Liquefied petroleum gas.	***	***	***	***
Propylene or Liquefied petroleum gas. See Liquefied petroleum gas.	***	***	***	***

This amendment is effective September 30, 1972. However, compliance with the regulations, as amended herein, is authorized immediately.

This amendment is made under the authority of sections 831-835 of title 18, United States Code, section 9 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1657), title VI and section 902(h) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430 and 1472(h)).

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